

I. AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A table saw comprising:

a base;

a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table has a work support surface defining a plane;

a second table;

first and second rails having first and second ends, wherein the rails are slidably mounted to the first table and the second ends are rigidly mounted to the second table such that the second table is slidably movable relative to the first table;

a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism including a locked position in which the second table is locked relative to the first table, and an unlocked position in which the second table is movable relative to the first table; and

the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane of the work support surface when in the unlocked position.

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7. (TWICE AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 1, wherein the lever lies generally within the plane of the work support surface in the locked position.

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11. (TWICE AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 9, wherein the first table defines a second surface opposite the work support surface, and wherein the locking mechanism is attached to the second surface.

56. (TWICE AMENDED) A table saw comprising:

a base;

a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table includes a work support surface defining a plane;

a second table movable relative to the first table;

a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism having locked and unlocked positions, wherein the locked position fixes the second table relative to the first table movable, and the unlocked position allows the second table to move relative to the first table; and

the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane of the work support surface in the unlocked position.

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II. VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

1. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A table saw comprising:
 - a base;
 - a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table has a work support [first] surface defining a plane;
 - a second table;
 - first and second rails having first and second ends, wherein the rails are slidably mounted to the first table and the second ends are rigidly mounted to the second table such that the second table is slidably movable relative to the first table;
 - a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism including a locked position in which the second table is locked relative to the first table, and an unlocked position in which the second table is movable relative to the first table; and
 - the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane of the work support surface when in the unlocked position.
7. (TWICE AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 1, wherein the lever lies generally within the plane of the [first] work support surface in the locked position.
11. (TWICE AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 9, wherein the first table defines a second surface opposite the [first] work support surface, and wherein the locking mechanism is attached to the second surface.

56. (TWICE AMENDED) A table saw comprising:

a base;

a first table mounted to the base, wherein the first table includes a [first] work support surface defining a plane;

a second table movable relative to the first table;

a locking mechanism connected to at least one of the first or second table, the locking mechanism having locked and unlocked positions, wherein the locked position fixes the second table relative to the first table movable, and the unlocked position allows the second table to move relative to the first table; and

the locking mechanism including a lever that extends from the plane of the work support surface in the unlocked position.